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REPORT To Our Readers - Owners

PAUL SCHARRENBERG
Paul Scharrenberg, who recently resigned the post of State director of Industrial Relations which he had held for years, was 78 years old Sunday. Last week he visited the office of East Bay Labor Journal, and seemed as lively and good-humored as he has been during the many years our editor has seen him from time to time.

Brother Scharrenberg has been authorized to write a history of the State Federation of Labor, and he checked our files to see how far back they run. He was a little disappointed, for he hoped to find the file of one of the predecessors of East Bay Labor Journal running back to about 1902. He had seen a few copies of this early-day East Bay labor paper down in Los Angeles.

However, the oldest file volume we have is the April 12, 1918 issue of the Alameda County Union Labor Record, with a picture of Sam Donohue on the first page, and a request that all BTC affiliates attend a big meeting to back President Woodrow Wilson's request that Tom Mooney be freed.

FIRST FED PRESIDENT

There's a good deal of history, though, in the 37 years covered by the files we have on hand, and Brother Scharrenberg was told, of course, that he's free to use them any time in the comfortable little room we have for our files in the new establishment at 1625 East 12th street.

Oakland had a big place from the start in the history of the Federation, he tells us, as the first president was a Brother Rogers, of the Oakland Typographical Union — his initials have slipped us for the moment. At that time, of course, around 1902, the State Federation was largely composed of Northern California unions, as there wasn't then much Southern California to tell the realtors about.

At the start, it seems, the head of the Federation was allowed the princely sum of three bucks a day when working to the full. Well, Scharrenberg looked up the price of things at that time, and found an ad in the Examiner proclaiming the price of whiskey as 55 cents a quart. So the official historian figures a man might do pretty well working to the full with one famous filler at 55 cents a quart!

A SAILOR'S MEMORIES

Scharrenberg, member of the Sailors Union, who arrived in California by swimming ashore from a wrecked vessel off Half-moon Bay, very much enjoyed the ceremonial voyage he took with other dignitaries in the old square-rigger *Baileigh* the other day. All of us whose memories go back to the days when those beautiful sailing vessels scuttled their way across the deep waters must realize what a pleasure that little trip must have been to the former editor of the Seamen's Journal.

Now that the State Federation of Labor is well past the half-century mark, and its official history is being written, one can't help but speculate on what the next half century will bring forth for the Federation. But that's another story.

Meany's Labor Day Talk Available on Records

National AFL headquarters now have available a ten-minute recording of President George Meany's Labor Day address, says the State Federation of Labor newsletter.

The recording is suitable for radio broadcasting or can be played at union meetings.

Last year 180 city and state groups secured local radio time on Labor Day for broadcasts of the Meany message.

Unions or councils seeking copies of the recording should contact Philip Pearl, AFL Director of Information, American Federation of Labor Building, Washington 1, D. C.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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CONVENTION GUESTS—The three young people shown above will be guests of honor at the 1955 convention of the California State Federation of Labor to be held in San Diego, which begins Monday of next week. They're winners of the fifth annual scholarship contest sponsored by the state AFL for high school seniors in California and Hawaii. From left to right they are: Lester O'Shea, Lowell High School, San Francisco; Eleanor Rosch, San Fernando High School, San Fernando; and Paul Wadsworth, Westchester High School, Los Angeles. All three will receive \$500 awards to advance their college education.

Joseph Casey Will Make the Run For Supervisor in S. F.

MEETINGS CANCELLED FOR CONVENTION BY CLC, BTC

The Central Labor Council voted this week to cancel its scheduled meeting, that is, for August 15, because of the State Federation convention in San Diego, which many delegates will be attending.

The Building Trades Council for the same reason canceled its August 16 meeting.

Warehousemen 853 Get Wage Rise, Cut 2nd, 3d Shift Hrs.

Warehousemen's Local 853, affiliated with the Teamsters Brotherhood, has signed a contract with the Northern California Ready Mix Concrete & Materials Association covering the 125 members of the union working for these firms. The term "batchers" is sometimes used to describe such firms.

The contract is for two years, dating from June 2 of this year, and provides for a 12½ cent per hour increase from that date, and a 10-cent per hour increase on June 2, 1956. The first increase brings the men now to a minimum of \$2.0575 per hour and a top of \$2.3975.

The new contract provides for paid holidays instead of the former 6. Vacations remain as formerly: one week for one year service, two weeks for three years.

One of the most interesting changes made is the shortening of second and third shifts, says W. D. Nicholas, secretary-treasurer of Local 853. While formerly all shifts were for 8 hours, now the second shift will be 7½ hours for 8 hours pay, and the third shift will be 7 hours for 8 hours pay.

E. R. Booker, secretary of the employers' group, was the negotiator for them. There were no serious complications in the course of the bargaining.

Doc Henderson Is Picketed by Union

Kaiser Hospital Last-Minute Meet

Conciliator Joe Chambers met Wednesday afternoon with Fred Tennant, labor relations director for Kaiser Foundation Hospital, and John Kinnick, president of Office Employees 29, in a final effort to reach a settlement.

Central Labor Council Secretary W. P. Fee, who has been working for weeks on the negotiations, was unable to be at the CLC meeting this week, and did not attend. Groulx said that after repeated meetings there still was no meeting of minds, that the offer made by the management had been rejected by the membership by a 90 percent vote.

Both Kinnick and Groulx said that the members are definitely determined to strike if necessary.

Brooks said that Henderson is handling work which belongs to the jurisdiction of the striking union, but refuses to acknowledge it.

Daughtrey's Store Signs With Clerks

5000 Iron Workers Vote For a Strike

Iron Workers 378 and its sister locals throughout the State have voted to strike August 16. There are about 5,000 workers affected.

Secretary Arnold Pierce of Local 378 said that there have been long negotiations with Associated General Contractors, Steel Wreckers Association, and Homebuilding Associations.

The current journeyman's scale, as reported in last week's issue of this paper, is \$3.10 per hour, plus 7½ cents welfare. The union asks 25 cents an hour increase across the board, and an additional 2½ cents welfare.

They also ask a decrease in the mileage required before subsistence payment per employee.

There are some 20 persons in the store.

All AFL Roads Lead To San Diego!

Ash and Jones Are Endorsed for Fed Post by the CLC

The Central Labor Council this week unanimously endorsed Robert S. Ash and Paul L. Jones for reelection as vice presidents of the State Federation of Labor at the convention of that organization opening Monday in San Diego.

Before doing so the council delegates voted to table a proposal that endorsement be given to President Thomas L. Pitts and Secretary-Treasurer C. J. Haggerty of the State Federation.

The whole matter of endorsing anyone came up when President John F. Quinn remarked from the chair that he was looking forward with pleasure to nominating Ash, CLC secretary, for reelection from District 10 as vice president of the Federation.

A motion was then made that the council endorse Ash, so that it would be understood at San Diego that there is strong local desire to have him reelected.

KOPKE'S AMENDMENT

Jack Kopke, Paint Makers 1101, moved an amendment that the endorsement include Pitts and Haggerty.

Dick Groulx, Office Employees 29, stated that he was opposed to the amendment, that he, Pitts, voted for Democrat Dick Graves for Governor last year, and did not approve of Haggerty swining the State Labor League for Political Education to endorse Groulx.

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But that isn't the main point in the eyes of the union negotiators. The main point is that after two strikes and a six-year battle in court the union has finally won contracts with clear-cut definitions of what constitutes clerk's duties.

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HOW TO BUY**Buying Questions Answered**By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

DEPENDENT PARENT: "My mother-in-law lives next door to us in her own house. She is a Spanish-American war widow. We contribute half and sometimes more for her support. Up to last year she was getting less than \$600 a year. I claimed her as a partial dependent, but a year ago her pension was raised to \$636 a year. So this year I did not claim her as a dependent because she is drawing more than \$600 a year. Can I claim her as a dependent or not?"

—J. K., Park Falls, Wis.

Answer: A war widow's pension is not taxable income. It is tax exempt. Therefore it is not counted as a dependent's income in determining whether or not you can take him or her as an exemption. As long as you still provide more than half her support you still claim her as a dependent. (Or if several people provide more than half her support, they can agree to let any one of them take the \$600 exemption, and alternate as they choose.) Other types of income which are not taxable include social security, railroad retirement payments, insurance proceeds, workmen's compensation, allowances received by a veteran or his family, unemployment insurance, state assistance payments, and the non-taxable portion of annuities. Thus a dependent can have more than \$600 of such non-taxable income and still qualify as an exemption. But you should be prepared to substantiate that you do provide more than half the support, because while war widow's pensions, social security and similar income are not taxable, they are a visible means of support.

If Mr. J. K. failed to take his mother-in-law as an exemption on his tax return for 1954 income, he can file an amended return to recover the overpayment, by visiting or writing the nearest Internal Revenue office for the necessary forms.

VITAMINS: "Please give us mothers some information on the best sources of vitamins for our children in liquid or capsule form. It seems like some of the advertised brands are more expensive, and do not have the same equivalent as some cheaper kinds."

—Mrs. R. J., St. Paul, Minn.

Answer: How right you are. Vitamin products are one of the most overpriced items families have to buy. The trouble is, many doctors prescribe brand-name products with which they are acquainted through the personal visits of manufacturers' representatives and the large drug corporations' advertising. (But on the other hand, it's unwise and expensive to dose oneself indiscriminately with vitamins without consulting a doctor as to your actual need for them.) Actually, vitamin products are one of the easiest items to shop and compare. Government regulations require that vitamin preparations show on the label their actual potency. When two different brands both are labelled—for example—25,000 U.S.P. units of vitamin A, then you can simply buy the one that costs the least. "U.S.P." stands for United States Pharmacopeia, meaning that vitamins and drugs carrying this

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Women in This World
By EDITH McCONN

EVERYBODY KNOWS Americans love to form organizations. One of the very newest is the Handwriting Foundation, whose purpose is "to encourage a greater awareness of handwriting by parents, students and the general public, and to emphasize the importance of handwriting to business men and employees."

You're right that sometimes the lower-priced private brands even have higher potencies than some of the widely-advertised vitamin products. Private-brand vitamin products are available from a number of sources these days, including consumer co-ops, large department stores, the mail-order house and vitamin specialists who sell by mail. A cooperative that sells by mail previously mentioned here is Celo Laboratories, Inc., Celo, North Carolina.

Child-rearing**Teen Problems**

Standard operating equipment for the parent of a youngster of high school age ought to be a shockproof constitution, limitless supplies of patience, and an ability to roll with the punches.

So says "It's High Time," a 40-page illustrated handbook for parents and teenagers, published by the National Association of Secondary-School Principals and the National Public Relations Association, departments of the National Education Association, and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Written for parents who want to help their youngsters achieve a smooth transition from elementary or junior high into the world of high school, "It's High Time" covers such universal problems as how adolescents grow, teen-age fads, family rules on curfews, use of the car, dating, and home chores.

Also discussed are the new and sometimes-confusing matters related directly to entrance into high school—courses of study, choosing a vocation, establishing good study habits, making friends, picking extra class activities, extra expenses—which face the freshman and his family.

Household Hints**Carpet Spots**

Depressions in a carpet caused by furniture legs can be removed by scraping the nap with a coin. That's simple enough, isn't it?

Of course you will have to vacuum the area thoroughly first. Then loosen the matted fibers by scraping with a dull-edged coin. Often this treatment completely restores the nap. But if the furniture has rested in one spot for a long time, and the depression is very deep or matted, further treatment is necessary.

In this case follow up the coin treatment by sponging the spot sparingly with lukewarm water. Dampen it only slightly. Let it stand 15 minutes, then use the coin again to raise the fibers.

If you plan to have the carpet cleaned soon, forget about removing the depressions yourself. They are automatically taken care of in the course of professional carpet cleaning operations.

FATHER GEORGE E. LUCY, founder of the University of San Francisco Labor-Management School, was honored August 9 at a farewell dinner toastmastered by Thomas A. Small, president of the San Mateo Labor Council. Father Lucy has been transferred to a St. Louis post.

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(Continued from Page One)

District Attorney Coakley, Assemblyman Doyle, Contra Costa, who introduced the bill, is asking Brown for an informal opinion, said Chidlers.

SOCIAL SECURITY

All State employees, it was announced, will vote November 1 as to whether they wish to be integrated with the Social Security system. The vote will be on a statewide basis. The matter was referred to the Board of Business Agents to make recommendations to union members employed by the State.

RESISTOL HAT CO.

BTC Secretary John Davy read a letter from the Longview, Wash., Building Trades Council calling attention to non-union work being done by the Resistol Hat Co. The text of this letter will be published later by East Bay Labor Journal.

Childers said that the matter of the Engineers and the Plasterers at the Alameda Naval Supply Depot will be straightened out.

MILLWRIGHTS & CIO

Childers said that in the dispute between the Millwrights and CIO Machinists at Fabco it was found that the CIO union retains jurisdiction over work done previously by it, but that the matter was being gone into.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Childers reported he had sent a letter to the Oakland Housing Authority regarding the new scale for maintenance mechanics.

Hughie Rutledge, Painters 127, asked about the scale of painters, and Childers said that this letter referred only to the scale for the maintenance mechanics.

BEST CATERPILLAR

Childers said that in the discussion between Roofers and Painters concerning a job for the Best Caterpillar Co., San Leandro, the job was already completed.

HARRIS REALTY CO.

Childers said that a picket had been placed at the wrecking job, 2510 Filbert street, run by the Harris Realty Co., and that he had been informed this company was going into the construction job and would use this location as a headquarters. Since apparently the company felt no great friendliness toward organized labor, he advised that agents of all crafts watch operations closely.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

Garoni said the joint health and welfare committee being set up by the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council was meeting Wednesday at the call of Jeffery Cohean of the CLC for organizing purposes.

7-HOUR DAY

BTC Vice President Joe Pruss, chairman of the 7-hour Day Committee recently formed, reported the committee had met and had a general discussion.

Childers said it was essential to find practical ways and means to concentrate efforts of all unions on this, that one problem was the varying areas covered by agreements held by different unions.

It was announced that subcommittees on public relations had been named by the 7-Hour Day Committee, including Charles Roe, S. E. Rockwell, Paul L. Jones, Bruce Dillashaw, and Charles Garoni.

C. R. Bartalini, Carpenters 36, said that the education of the members of the unions was the big project. He said the District Council of Carpenters, of which he is secretary, is now working at this; that John Hutchinson of the UC Institute of Industrial Relations is arranging a monthly seminar on the economics involved in the

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Roe's motion was carried.

The council voted not to buy tickets for the Firemen's Ball, on the ground that too many firemen were taking building trades work. The matter was discussed by Garoni, Floyd Peaslee, Joseph Hightower, Pruss, Johnson, and Rutledge. The tickets were sent back, with a request that the firemen name a committee to discuss the matter of firemen doing building trades work with the BTC.

ASH, JONES ENDORSED

The council on motion of Johnson unanimously endorsed Paul L. Jones and Robert S. Ash for reelection as vice presidents of the State Federation of Labor.

INSPECTOR COMMENDED

Roe moved, and the council agreed, that a commendatory letter be sent to Safety Inspector W. C. Jones in the southern end of the county for the careful work he is doing, and that copies be sent to Governor Knight, Industrial Relations Director Webb, and Joe Roberts of the Safety Bureau.

SUIT AGAINST UC

Pruss and Jones commented on the filing of the action by the council against UC to collect sick leave pay. The suit is reported in another column. While only 5 craftsmen are named as plaintiffs in this action, if the case is decided in their favor, many more craftsmen will automatically be enabled to collect sick leave pay.

COMPENSATION FUND

Roe moved that the State Federation of Labor be asked to consider the making of a thorough investigation of the State Compensation Insurance Fund, which was proving very difficult to deal with in collecting money obviously due to injured workers.

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By JIM MARTIN

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Beginning with October the regular two meetings a month and the regular Executive meetings will resume. In accordance with the By-Laws the non-attendance assessments will again be in effect.

Our General President Martin P. Durkin has undergone another operation. He is making steady progress on his way to recovery. The General Executive Board has appointed Assistant to the President Peter T. Schoemann to act as General President during President Durkin's leave of absence. The members of this union wish President Durkin a very speedy recovery.

Meetings were held recently in Chicago, Ill., with Committee members representing the National Constructors, Boilmakers and the United Association. The writer was appointed to serve on this Committee. The purpose of this first meeting was to survey the possibility of consummating a National Agree-



Steamfitters 342

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Fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.
Steamfitters Union No. 342

To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12 California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

Our meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, August 16, at 8 p.m., has been canceled due to the State Federation of Labor Convention being then in session.

Fraternally yours,
ROY WOODS,
Secretary-Treasurer

Building Service Employees 18

Building Service Union Local 18 will not have a general membership meeting in August, and the next meeting will not be until the fourth Friday in September on the 23d.

Fraternally yours,
W. DOUGLAS GELDERT,
Secretary-Treasurer

UC Employees 371

The regular monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Saturday, August 13, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, Oakland.

All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,
WALTER N. RENYER,
Secretary-Treasurer

Paint Makers 1101

At the regular August 16 meeting a special guest speaker, Miss Patricia Smith, an attorney, UC graduate, member of the Queen's Bench, active in Eastern Star and Woodmen of the World, will talk on the United Bay Area Crusade, representing the Speakers' Bureau of that campaign. She will give the background and purposes of the campaign, in which organized labor is vitally interested.

A big turnout is urged for this important discussion.

Fraternally,
JACK KOPKE,
Representative

Hayward Painters 1178

The third Friday of the month comes on the 19th, so "Govern Yourself Accordingly". After the regular order of business has been acted upon, there will be a Special Called Meeting to act on a possible change of our Life Insurance Policy to another Insurance Co. from the one we now have. Be sure to attend that meeting and take your part in the discussion of this question.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Cement Masons 594

Our next meeting, Thursday evening, 8 p.m., August 18, in Hall I, at 2315 Valdez street, will be a special meeting for the purpose of adding a section to our local constitution.

Fraternally,
BRUCE DILLASHAW,
Business Representative

AFL and CIO Aluminum Workers Win Increase For 26,000 Jointly

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—AFL and CIO aluminum workers won a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase from the Aluminum Company of America and moved into negotiations with the Reynolds Metal Co.

The wage agreement, patterned closely after the recent settlement in the steel industry, covers about 26,000 workers, 15,000 in the CIO Steelworkers and 11,000 in the AFL Aluminum Workers.

The unions set up a joint strategy and bargaining committee for the first time this year. Bargaining talks were held separately but the unions coordinated negotiating policies in reaching the agreement.

The unused pensions funds, amounting to more than \$60,000, will now be returned in full to the council treasury in accord with his wishes. Brother Ryan did not spend a dime of the pension money.

O'Rear Made Secretary Fresno Labor Council

W. T. O'Rear was elected last week by the Central Labor Council of Fresno as secretary.

O'Rear succeeds Assemblyman Wallace D. Henderson as secretary.

Corporation Profits Up 31 Percent Over First 6 Months of Last Year

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Corporate profits chalked up spectacular gains in the first half of 1955 and may climb even higher in the July-September period, a leading bank and financial newspaper reported.

The First National City Bank of New York, which keeps its fingers on the profit pulse, reported profits after taxes for the first six months were 31 percent higher than for the same period in 1954. For the second quarter of the year alone the gain was 34 percent.

The bank said for the first six months profits before and after taxes were the best in four years.

The Wall Street Journal, which keeps a boxscore on profits by quarters, reported profits jumped 33 percent in the second quarter over the same quarter in 1954. The gains were termed the sharpest since 1949.

The Journal commented "the second-quarter increases, furthermore, appear to be no flash in the pan . . . current indications are that the third quarter will bring a year-to-year climb of similar proportions."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal.

Strokes of the Brush from Local 127

Painters' Picnic Big Success; Jobs Many, But Rains Will Come Again

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

We regret to report the death of Brother Andrew Larsen who passed away on Saturday, August 6 after a short illness. Burial was from Robinson Mortuary on Monday, August 8. The officers and members of the local extend their deep sympathy to the family of our departed brother.

Another yearly picnic come and one. Last Saturday a goodly crowd of over 500 of the brothers, their wives and friends, enjoyed a beautiful day of fun, dancing, games, etc., at Bjornson's Park in Crow Canyon. The kiddies had a full day of fun and really packed away the ice cream, soda water and hot dogs. Hope you were one of those who enjoyed the day.

Our nimrod brother from the pointers informed us last night that with the opening of the deer season in the Livermore Hills some dirty varmints shot a couple of deer up in them hills. If there is a shortage of meat come wintertime we know the reason and them varmints should play cricket. For more info ask Brother Kessel.

Work continues plentiful and all brothers on the job. This situation looks good for some time but again we remind the brothers that sure as shooting the rains will come. Better get spotted in a shop for all year.

Watch this column for notices of a Special Called meeting to vote on a reduction in our death insurance policy. We anticipate that this action may be taken at our meeting of Thursday the 11th.

Don't forget that all bills for medical expenses incurred prior to June 1 must be submitted by the end of this month.

Next meeting of the local will be August 25.

Ike's Nomination For Wage Man Hit

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—The AFL called on the Senate to reject President Eisenhower's nomination of Newell Brown to be wage-hour administrator, declaring he lacks "the maturity of judgment and the objectivity" required by the job.

Nelson H. Cruikshank, Director of AFL Social Insurance Activities, told a Senate Labor subcommittee that Brown's record as Director of the Division of Employment Security in New Hampshire and his activities in the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies show he does not possess the qualifications for the vital post.

The hearings on Brown's nomination came nearly five months after his name was submitted by the President. When the appointment was first presented to the Senate Labor Committee, organized labor made clear its opposition through protests by AFL President George Meany and CIO President Walter Reuther.

Confirmation had been held up also by a Labor Department investigation of the lobbying activities of the Interstate Conference ordered by the House Appropriations Committee.

Brown, who served as secretary to Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams when the latter was governor of New Hampshire, has the full support of Secretary of Labor Mitchell.

Cruikshank told the subcommittee that the New Hampshire Republican's record on importation of Canadian loggers revealed that his idea of a "prevailing wage" leads to a "sharp decline in the earnings of New Hampshire logging workers."

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Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmakers Seeking Sanction to Strike Sunnyvale Jeweler

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We were unable to get a signature from Mr. Thomas of Mann Jewelers in Sunnyvale and the membership at the meeting in San Jose held August 2, voted to request the matter to the Santa Clara Central Labor Council and request strike sanction against this jewelry store.

It was recently brought to the attention of this office that the Bulova Watch Company had called the retail jewelers attention to a promotional scheme distributed by the National Silver Company. It was one of those arrangements where the retailer was to mail a post card to his own customers quoting a price for watch repairs, and at the same time, offer a "free" inducement.

We immediately took the matter up with the Bulova Watch Company and we have a letter on file from Mr. Irving D. Holzer, Assistant Advertising Manager, assuring us that they will, in the future, keep in mind the objections of our union to this type of advertising.

SAN FRANCISCO-EAST BAY MEMBERS ATTENTION: There is NO MEETING in August. Send your current dues to the office — do not allow them to become delinquent.

SAN JOSE MEMBERS ATTENTION: The members at the last meeting voted to start enforcement of the 10 daily delinquent fine as provided in the union's By-Laws, beginning with November dues.

However, due to the fact that the San Jose meeting is on the first Tuesday in the month and most members pay their dues on that night, there will be a ten (10) day grace period to complete your dues before the 10 per day fine becomes effective.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS ATTENTION: Due to my being at the California State Federation Convention during the week of August 15 through August 19, the Executive Board meeting will be postponed until Thursday, August 25. Please note the date.

Labor Dept. Will Train Older Women for Jobs

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—

Retail trade is one of the great underdeveloped areas remaining for union growth, the Industrial and Labor Relations Review reported, with less than 8 per cent of the 7 million paid workers unionized.

The publication of the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University said in an article by Marten S. Estey of Michigan State College that six national AFL and CIO unions have more than a half million members in the retail trades, and that AFL growth in this area has been strong.

AFL unions are dominant in the retail trade field, he said, with over 80 per cent of all organized workers. The AFL Retail Clerks, he said, increased its membership 4,800 per cent between 1933 and 1954.

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Teachers Union Writer Reports on Problem of Specially Gifted Child

By HELEN TYCHININ

Press Correspondent
Oakland Teachers Federation

"The Education of the Gifted Child," is one of the topics to be discussed by Oakland School principals and administrators at the regular September Teachers Institute to be held Sept. 8, preceding the official opening of schools here on Sept. 12.

This is the first time the problem of providing adequate educational opportunities for the gifted child has been a part of the regular institute program. This problem is beginning to receive the attention of educators all over the nation, as it becomes more and more apparent that the gifted, or mentally superior, child is the most neglected in the entire education program.

The report on the "Study of the Gifted" prepared by Dr. Ruth Martinson of Long Beach State College for the California Congress of P.T.A. states that "these mentally superior children don't just get along extra well as commonly assumed. Unless properly handled and understood they often have terrific problems through no fault of their own.

"They become confused, resentful, bored and discouraged and their great potential for achievement is lost for themselves and for society. Until as much time, money and effort is expended on mentally gifted children as is expended on mentally and physically handicapped, etc., the gifted will continue to receive an inadequate education."

Congressman B. F. Sisk Of Fresno Represented In Field by Mrs. Clough

Betty L. Clough, wife of Charles W. Clough, editor of the Valley Labor Citizen in Fresno, has been appointed field representative of Congressman B. F. Sisk, Democrat, 12th District.

Mrs. Clough has charge of the Congressmen's field office at 228 Blackstone avenue, Fresno.

Mr. and Mrs. Clough are well known here, as they formerly resided in Richmond, and Clough was for some time a member of the staff of East Bay Labor Journal. He was active as a member of Office Employees 29

The Valley Labor Citizen, like East Bay Journal, has its own printing plant, and does job printing. Clough is both editor and business manager of the entire enterprise.

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OPINIONS

ABBOTT CASE

Editor, Labor Journal:

I am not a member of Organized Labor, but I read every issue of your paper for its sanity and calm thought. And your editorial on the Stephanie Bryan case in your 29 July issue impressed me very much; every word of it true.

Enough papers have carried enough sensational headlines on this matter to, if placed end to end, reach from here to New York. This is the method now in vogue in most of our free press to convict a suspect by headlines before he has the opportunity provided by law to be tried by a jury of his peers. And who among all of the peers, or jurors, is not convinced in some degree in all of these sensational cases before the accused appears before them for a presumably fair trial?

Every one of your points was well and fairly taken, and taken without the leaven of hysteria to influence your own readers. This is honest journalism exemplified.

Certainly you, and all of the rest of us, have a feeling of horror in this matter, and sympathy for the girl and for her parents and family. But no one, including Abbott, is guilty until proven so. And this bungled, confusing affair is far from the desired goal of convicting, and then speedily executing whoever is finally proven guilty.

Very truly yours,
JOHN O. DALY.
P.O. Box 1146,
Richmond, Calif.

P.S. You may use this if you wish. I am 70 years of age; do not intend to run for public office; and am not ashamed of my name and Irish ancestry; nor that I am an American and fully believe in our American way, although it has become unpopular, in some quarters, to follow it rigidly.

ABBOTT CASE

Editor, Labor Journal:

I find much news and information in East Bay Labor Journal that is not available elsewhere and, certainly, more truth in news coverage than appears in other local papers. The paper is very well written and is so edited that you provide coverage of news which provides the reader a better picture of local and other areas' activities than he might otherwise obtain.

I wish to particularly compliment you on your courageous remarks in your REPORT column of July 29th dealing with press and police treatment of Burton Abbott. I know nothing of the guilt or innocence of the man, don't know him or any members of his family, or anyone of the murdered child's family. I do, however, agree wholeheartedly with your remarks protesting the making of a Roman Holiday over an investigation and the irresponsible treatment of a person before his indictment, arraignment, or trial.

I hope the East Bay Labor Journal continues forever its fine general and labor news coverage, its hard-hitting editorials, and its firm stand for what is right and fair in our society and communities. Your paper is especially needed and valuable in this area, so dominated by its present single daily paper and its ever slanted misrepresentations of the news.

Very truly yours,
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EDITORIALS

McCarthy, and Animal Stories

The old adage has it that when a man bites a dog, it's news. It's likewise news when the reactionary Hearst press bites the reactionary Joe McCarthy, although in this case it might be difficult to decide which is the man and which is the dog.

At any rate, in its August 4 issue the Examiner deserts McCarthy, asserting under the headline, "Off Base, Joe" that the Senator's charges at the Geneva conference the President sold out practically everything that is sacred "were untimely, unwise, intemperate and without evidence."

This desertion of the doughty smearer at this late date brings to mind another animal story—something about rodents of a certain breed having an overwhelming tendency to desert a sinking vessel. For there is no good reason why any labor people—even those who join the Hearst press in admiration of Goody Knight—should credit the Examiner with sincerity in its abandoning the busted balloon from Wisconsin.

During all the years the Examiner has been lauding McCarthy his remarks have invariably been "untimely, unwise, intemperate and without evidence." Now, however, the Hearst pundits discover that the American people, and even the American Senate, do have a lot of decency and common-sense, and McCarthyism is not the soul of the soul of America, and therefore not too profitable to stay with.

Don't forget, though, that the State of California in the crucial moment of December, 1954, when a minority of Senators voted against censuring McCarthy, the State of California was disgraced by its two Senators, Knowland and Kuchel, who stuck with the minority for McCarthy against decency. Knowland now tries to make up for it by getting up at this late date and answering McCarthy in the Senate. Again one thinks of that animal story about what happens on sinking vessels.

A Letter to Richmond, Calif.

The Beck & Gallagher Furniture Manufacturing Company of Richmond, Contra Costa county, received a letter dated January 5 of this year from the Dixie Factory Locating Service of Memphis, Tenn.

The letter suggested that the California company might like to consider moving to the Old South. One of the attractions of the South cited in the letter—you've probably guessed it!—was as follows:

"Abundant Labor—high quality, unspoiled native labor eager to give a full day's labor for a moderate wage."

The above letter is run in full in facsimile in a new booklet of the American Federation of Labor entitled "Subsidized Industrial Migration: The Luring of Plants to New Locations."

This 85-page booklet cites instance after instance of the subsidizing of removals by established firms into other areas. The subsidies are sometimes put up by public bodies, sometimes by private organizations or civic groups.

AFL President George Meany points out in the preface that the wave of migrations induced by some of these subsidized changes of locations has "left large numbers of workers stranded when plants in which they were employed were closed down and moved to another location."

The South and the Pacific Coast have gained most at the expense of the older industrialized regions. But, says the booklet:

"Upon examination, it appears that the shift to the Pacific area represents largely a response to the natural growth in markets and population which has characterized that area of the country. This represents, on the whole, a movement of industry in response to sound economic conditions."

But that letter to the furniture manufacturers in Richmond indicates that the Pacific area is now beginning to be thought of in the South as one of the older industrialized regions whose manufacturers can be lured away with the promise of low wages.

A Department of Urbiculture?

Congressman J. Arthur Younger, Republican, San Mateo, had a hearing before Congress adjourned on his proposal that a Department of Urbiculture be set up, its head to have Cabinet rank, and its function to "develop methods of dealing with pressing social, economic and civic problems growing out of inadequate knowledge of the principles of using and developing urban lands."

Younger noted that when the Department of Agriculture was established 63 years ago, 80% of the population lived on farms. Now, he said, only 15% of the population is on farms.

That's right, but certainly a large proportion of the urban population is made up of working people, but Congressman Younger and his fellow conservative Republicans have never shown much enthusiasm about helping the Department of Labor, which serves the working people. They prefer the Department of Commerce which serves city business interests.

As for the need for better knowledge of the principles of using and developing urban lands," which is certainly a real need, our enthusiasm for Congressman Younger's sponsoring of this need is somewhat lessened by his admission that this nine-bit term, "Urbiculture," in this bill, was suggested to him by a "friend on the National Association of Real Estate Boards," about as reactionary a lobbying group as NAM itself.

Attention, Pinkos and Party-Liners!

Pinkos and party-liners have been having a Kremlin holy day talking about how dreadful it is that the U. S. Government kept on trying four times to deport Harry Bridges.

Maybe. But one thing the pinkos and party-liners don't mention, and that's the fact that it's a pretty wonderful thing to live in a country where the central Government keeps bumping its nose against an independent judiciary. Once a man is on the Federal bench in this country, he can tell the President who appointed him to go jump in Lake Tahoe or the old mud puddle back of the barn in Gettysburg.

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THE ABOVE CARTOON from the Machinist makes it plain what would happen to reactionary politicians if individual members of organized labor really went all out with contributions to elect our friends in public office. The Machinist in an editorial points out that "every year, so far, we've wound up with an average of a few cents per member. If it weren't so tragic, it would be funny." But even so, the arch-conservative politicians are frightened and are trying to pass laws in various States to prevent labor people from electing their friends to office.

E. Fisher, Plumbers Congress Asked to Plan Course in Atomics

WASHINGTON (AFL News)—Congress was urged by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to solve the transportation crisis in the Nation's capital by revoking the Capital Transit Company's franchise and giving the municipal government emergency powers to seize and operate strike-bound busses and street cars.

The D. C. Commissioners officially affirmed that the Louis Wolfsen syndicate which controls the company had milked its assets and refused to grant

"merited increases to its employees until it first received or was guaranteed an increase of income."

They fixed blame for continuation of the strike squarely on the Wolfsen management whose position, they said, "places the protection of present profits above franchise obligations of service, even to the point of completely stopping transit buses."

The strike was called July 1 by Local 689 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees (AFL) at the expiration of its three-year contract. The union asked for wage increases and pension improvements. The company refused to make any offer. Wolfsen testified before a Congressional Committee that the workers are "entitled to a fair increase," but added that "without additional revenues we cannot begin to meet union requirements."

Members of the planning staff include Al Carr, Edwin Johnson, and Steve Kosach of Local 159's education committee; Ed Fisher, Business Representative of Local 444 (Oakland); C. V. Bradbury of the Independent Plumbing, Heating and Piping Contractors; Harold Ringrose of the Utility Mechanical and Industrial Pipework Contractors.

Dr. Arthur Biehl, Staff Physician, U. C. Radiation Laboratory; Dr. Burton S. Moyer, Professor of Physics, U. C. Radiation Laboratory; Wade Dickinson, Senior Engineer, Bechtel Corporation; Maurice E. Skinner, U. S. Department of Labor; and Thomas Soule, of the Industrial Indemnity Corporation.

ANTHONY BALLERINI, business manager of Lodge 1327 of the AFL Machinists in San Francisco, on a two-month tour that will take him to Europe as the guest of the National Committee for Atomic Energy Development; Health Problems in Atomic Energy Work; Safety and workers' Compensation Questions in Atomic Energy; and Labor Looks at Atomic Energy.

Co-ordinator of the program is John Hutchinson of the University of California Institute of Industrial Relations in cooperation with William H. Dimler, Business Manager of Local 159.

Hutchinson and Dimler met recently with union representatives, engineers, and university physicists to plan the final details of the program.

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Dr. J. C. GEIGER, 70 on November 18, has asked for retirement as Oakland's Chief Health Officer as of October 1. Milk Drivers & Dairy Employees 302 recently gave a banquet in honor of Dr. Geiger.

L. W. (SPEED) MADDOCK, former baseball pitcher, sports writer, radio announcer and later editor of various weeklies in the Bay Area, well known to many labor people, died suddenly July 29 at the age of 54.

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George P. Miller Made GOP Member Of House Squirm

Senator Knowland announced recently that he thought it would be better to have the Republicans control both the Congress and the White House rather than just the White House.

This set some controversy going as to whether Democrats or Republicans had a better record in supporting some important Administration measures which were held by many Democrats to be basically nonpartisan.

In this connection, Drew Pearson in his syndicated column wrote August 7 the following, published in newspapers all over the country:

Representative George Miller of California got a lot of ribbing as the lone Democrat traveling with President Eisenhower on his plane to San Francisco last June. But he managed to hold his own. At one point, FOA boss Harold Stassen asked Mr. Eisenhower in a boisterous voice heard all over the plane:

"Mr. President, what do you think constitutes a good Democrat?"

"Well, I would say that a good Democrat," replied Ike, "is one who has seen the light and is about to be taken over by the Republicans."

To which Miller retorted:

"Mr. President, I am entitled to ask: what constitutes a good Republican? I think the record will show that some of us Democrats have supported your program more than members of your own party in Congress. I've supported you about 74 percent of the time. That's 10 percent higher than the support you received from the average Republican member of the House."

Miller looked straight at GOP Representative Hubert Scudder, also of California, who has been strongly opposed to any endorsement of Haggerty, helpful at Sacramento this year.

Various parliamentary maneuvers were engaged in during the discussion. Finally the uncontested motion to table was made, and the motion to endorse Pitts, Hagerty, Ash, and Jones was tabled. Then a motion simply to endorse Ash and Jones carried unanimously, followed by cheering and applause.

Ash and Jones Are Endorsed for Fed Post by the CLC

(Continued from Page 1) the State Fed, from the operations of the LLPE. Both Pitts and Haggerty, he said, had done good work at Sacramento.

Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical, said, that he disagreed with Ash on this. Actions cannot be separated. Neil Haggerty the State Fed lobbyist was the same man as Neil Haggerty of the LLPE who had endorsed Knight. Also he questioned just what had been achieved at Sacramento this session which was to be considered so very remarkable: more liberal members of the Legislature than for years, yet the accomplishments not so astounding.

UNANIMITY!

"Because of the action of Haggerty in getting the LLPE endorsement